

Textile Recycling Collection Helps School

A textile collection is a great way to clean out closets, help the environment, and help a school. The Marlborough School is holding a Bags2School textile collection on Saturday, April 28th from 1 to 4 p.m. Items to be collected include all adult and children's clothing, footwear, outerwear, hats, mittens, scarves, belts, towels, purses, handbags, backpacks, soft bags, and linens. Items must be clean, but can be ripped, missing buttons, stained, or torn.

Items collected are weighed and exchanged for cash at the current market rate. The program teaches students about the importance of recycling and re-using, fostering environmental awareness at a young age. On top of this, it makes a real impact by reducing the amount of textile waste in our landfills.

According to Bags2School, in North America over 50 pounds of textiles are discarded per person each year with 80 percent of textile waste being disposed of in landfills. That equals 3.8 billion pounds of unnecessary waste. By textile recycling, approximately 93 percent of waste is successfully reclaimed.

The Marlborough School hosts two collections each year, April and October.

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The Clothing Minute
 with Bruce Wichland

The Proper Fit

You've picked out your tux for the prom, now it's time to talk about getting fitted. Because cuts vary from manufacturer to manufacturer, it's important to work with a clothier who knows how to fit your specific body shape.

It all starts with proper neck size and sleeve length. Improper neck size will throw off your entire outfit as you add layers to extra fabric. Sleeves that are too long create an "accordion" look at the elbow because the fabric has nowhere to go. A proper chest measurement avoids "buckling" across the shoulders of the jacket. Too tight, on the other hand, makes the suit pull in the back, creating lines. When it comes to pants, the classic, or relaxed fit, is out, as is the pleated front. The new trend is the plain-front, "short rise" look, tapered through the thigh and knee. Pant lengths have gotten shorter as well, which coincides nicely with the new trend in flashy socks.

Haberdasher's Tip: if you have some vintage pieces, such as your grandfather's cufflinks or your dad's tie, you might want to build your own outfit. You can rent by the piece and make something truly unique.

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